

REMARKS

The Examiner's comments from the Office Action mailed July 30, 2007 have been carefully considered. Claims 11 and 13-23 remain pending in the application. Claim 12 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The subject matter of claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 11. No new matter has been added.

Reexamination and allowance of claims 11 and 13-23 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,946,440 to Puetz in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,909,833 to Henschel in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,201,921 to Quesnel. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 11 recites, in part, a first cassette defining a groove having a closed end that cooperates with a spindle of a housing to form a pivot point about which the first cassette pivots. The first cassette also is configured to be separated and removed from the housing by pivoting the first cassette to a second position and sliding the spindle through an open end of the groove.

None of the cited references, either alone or in combination, disclose or suggest a first cassette that is configured to be separated and removed from the housing by pivoting the first cassette about a pivot point, which is formed by a closed end of a groove defined in the first cassette and a spindle of the housing, and sliding the spindle through an open end of the groove.

Puetz discloses a cassette that is pivotally attached to a housing, but is not removable from the housing. Henschel and Quesnel disclose a cassette that may be removed from the housing, but cannot pivot about a pivot point. Accordingly, none of these references disclose a cassette that separates from a housing by a combination of pivoting and sliding. Furthermore, no reason is provided in any of the cited references or elsewhere to modify the cassettes of the cited references to separates from a housing by a combination of pivoting and sliding.

For at least these reasons, Puetz would not lead a person skilled in the art to the invention of claim 11, even in view of Henschel and Quesnel. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claim 11 are respectfully requested.

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Claims 12-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Puetz in view of Henschel in further view of Quesnel. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 12-23 depend from claim 11 and are allowable over the combination of Puetz, Henschel, and Quesnel for at least the same reasons as discussed above with respect to claim 11. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 12-23 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

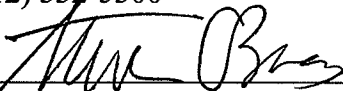
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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